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REVIEW OF 1957

NINETEEN fifty-seven has been an eventful year for the British economy. In the first months, although the exchange difficulties caused by Suez had almost passed, the economic bill had still to be paid. The Canal was blocked and the Iraq pipeline was cut.

The outlook for the balance of payments position seemed gloomy. In fact, the payments balance weathered the crisis remarkably well and in the home front production was severely affected, thanks to a tremendous organisational effort made by both the oil companies and industry as a whole. The balance of payments well exceeded expectations with a current account surplus of £126 million for the first half of the year. Exports ran over the year at well above the 1956 level, rising in November to approximately £287 million, the trade figures for that month being the best for seven years.

Exports over the eleven months also did very well in the important North American markets, running at eight per cent more in value than in 1956.

Nineteen fifty-seven provided more than one occasion for the British economy to demonstrate its resilience. The flow of dollars which had helped finance the growth of world trade began to diminish and a number of countries, finding themselves in payments difficulties, imposed economic restrictions.

Grew Smaller

THE fall in raw material prices from the artificially high levels of late 1956 which would bring about a substantial improvement in Britain's terms of trade, began to affect the incomes of primary producers overseas, including of course those in the sterling area. Their trade surpluses grew smaller, their deficits increased and they began to draw on their accumulated reserves in London.

At the same time the payments difficulties in which many countries found themselves gave rise to talk of possible devaluations and exchange rate adjustments — rumours which produced speculative pressures to which sterling — because it finances so much of the world's trade — was particularly vulnerable.

Despite the fundamental soundness of Britain's internal economy, the upward movement of domestic costs and prices combined with these other, international factors, to produce some uncertainty about the rates of exchange between sterling and other currencies, and this in turn led to speculative capital movements on a large scale.

The British Government responded to the situation with some far-reaching, constructive decisions. In September the Chancellor of the Exchequer raised the Bank Rate to seven per cent and announced a number of new measures designed to protect the external and internal value of the pound sterling.

This action, together with the firm statements made by both Britain and Germany that no exchange rate adjustments were contemplated, was successful in halting and to some extent reversing speculative pressure against the pound. But the intention was not merely to achieve this short term objective.

In some quarters fears have been expressed that the emphasis on price stability may lead to a decline in activity. The Government is, however, confident that stable prices are compatible with full employment and industrial expansion resulting from a high rate of investment. The Government will be put to the test in the coming year.

JETS JUMP BRITISH PLANE

Forced To Land In Albania

London, Jan. 1.

Britain charged today that Communist jet fighters forced down a British DC-4 Skymaster yesterday on a flight down the Adriatic coast near Albania.

Eisenhower's Message To Russians

Gettysburg, Jan. 1.

President Eisenhower today sent a message to the leaders of the Soviet Union pledging the United States to "every effort" toward world peace. Eisenhower on an early and frosty New Year's morning at his farm home here, sent a cable to leaders of the Soviet Union in reply to a New Year's message of greeting.

"I earnestly trust that the New Year will bring a firmer and better understanding between the citizens of the Soviet Union, the American people and those of other nations," Eisenhower cabled the Russian leaders.

ASSURED

"You may be assured that the Government of the United States will extend every effort to that end," the President said to the Russians.

The occasion of Eisenhower's message was a cable he received last night through normal commercial channels from Chairman Klement Voroshilov of the Supreme Soviet Presidium; Prime Minister Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev, Secretary of the Communist Party.—United Press.

Red Skelton Rallies

Santa Monica, Jan. 1. Comedian Red Skelton greeted the New Year today from his bed at St. John's Hospital where he rallied from the shadow of death following a severe "cardiac-asthmatic" attack. Hospital attendants reported that the famous Redhead was in satisfactory condition and said he was able to "joke a little." He was stricken on Monday night at his Bel-Air home.—United Press.

US DEATHS

New York, Jan. 1. More than 100 people died in accidents throughout the United States during the 24-hour period up to 6 p.m. local time tonight, according to official estimates.—Reuter.

Queen's Honour

New York, Jan. 1. Headline in the Daily News over a story on Queen Elizabeth II's New Year's honours list, which included world featherweight champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey.

"Queen is in Kid Bassey's corner,"—United Press.

DOROTHY'S SECRET

Hollywood, Jan. 1. Voluptuous actress Dorothy Malone revealed today how she keeps males ogling her proportions.

"I eat a rich, gooey banana split each afternoon as a pick-me-up," she said.—United Press.

Double Disaster

Charlotte, Jan. 1. Two marine sergeants were killed today when their car crashed into a standing train and was subsequently bludgeoned by another passing train.—China Mail Special.

Incident In A HK Hotel HOSTESS' NAME CLEARED

London, Jan. 1.

Miss Mavis Griffin, 28-year-old British Overseas Airways air hostess, who was dismissed after an alleged incident in a Hongkong hotel, heard today that her notice of dismissal had been withdrawn.

Miss Griffin, who is Chairman of the newly-formed London Air Hostesses Union, told reporters that the Corporation were not re-instating her in her old job but had offered her a post as airport receptionist.

"I have refused this," she added. "Now I shall look for another job in flying. When I appealed I wanted my name cleared and my old job back. I got my name cleared but not the job." Miss Griffin's dismissal followed an alleged fight in her hotel bedroom in Hongkong after a discussion with two male stewards from her airline and an American over the Little Rock segregation issue in Arkansas.—Reuter.

Macmillan Meets Cabinet

London, Jan. 1. Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan met with his Cabinet again today in an attempt to clear up major policy problems before leaving on a 30,000-mile tour of the Commonwealth.

Macmillan is scheduled to leave on Tuesday on a flying visit to Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. It will be the first such tour by a British Prime Minister while in office to any of the five countries.

Before leaving, Macmillan hopes to lay the lines for his Government policy as regards participation in talks with Russia, the Malta crisis and Cyprus.

NOT FINISHED

Macmillan has not yet finished drafting his answer to a 3,000-word letter from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin late last year proposing East-West talks and outlining Soviet ideas on disarmament and other problems.

Similar letters were received by the United States and other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation shortly before their "summit" meeting in Paris.

The Western allies are co-ordinating their replies but each is answering separately.—United Press.

BELL FOR HAILSHAM

London, Dec. 31. When Lord Hailsham rose to address 2,500 boys and girls from British grammar schools here today, a boy in a side gallery suddenly produced a large handbell which he rang vigorously.

Lord Hailsham smiled and said: "Thank you for the brief trial." The incident recalled the end of the Conservative Party conference some months ago when Lord Hailsham, party chairman, tolled a handbell furiously and declared: "Let it ring more loudly. Let it ring more victoriously."

Today, in the capacity as Lord President of the Council, Lord Hailsham was delivering the inaugural lecture in a series of lectures on "The place of the individual in a changing world."—China Mail Special.

Army And Air Force Units Revolt In Venezuela

Caracas, Jan. 1.

Air force and infantry units staged a New Year's Day revolt against the Government in Maracay, 50 miles from Caracas.

RN OFFICER DISMISSED HIS SHIP

Portsmouth, Dec. 31.

A Royal Navy lieutenant took the "fatal step" of a commissioned officer "of not facing up to the fact that lower deck customs of fots of rum must be gone forever," the defence said at a court martial here today.

Lieut. Ernest Jones, 49, former naval Provost Marshal at Portland, Dorset, was sentenced to be dismissed from his ship and severely reprimanded. He had pleaded guilty to three charges—failing to keep good order in the naval patrol headquarters at Portland, failing to enforce regulations relating to service rum and provisions being applied to private use, and fraudulently receiving service rum. He was found not guilty of another charge—accusing him of being "drunk in patrol headquarters."

The court had accepted his plea of not guilty to two further charges of failing to use utmost endeavours to detect and bring to justice three senior ratings and officers who had committed offences, and to accepting a regular issue of service spirit. On the one charge heard by the court—that of being drunk in patrol headquarters—evidence was given that on October 7 a rating under the influence of drink was brought in by the patrol and interrogated by Lieut. Jones.

The rating was slumped in a chair and the officer repeatedly advised him as "Cock." The complaint against Lieut. Jones also alleged that patrol members stole rum and service provisions from a ship and took the goods under cover of the patrol wagon to their headquarters, where they then disposed of them.

This, it was said, went on "under the administration of the accused, either with his knowledge or through his neglect of duty."—China Mail Special.

Many Killed In Train Crashes

New Delhi, Jan. 1. An express train smashed into a passenger train today at a railroad junction in Punjab state.

First reports said 30 persons were killed and 100 injured. Some of the passengers were burned to death in a fire that followed the collision.

The accident occurred six miles from Ambala, in Punjab, at the Moti-Nation railway junction. The New Delhi-Fathankot-Jamuna express train was bound for Ambala, while the passenger train was travelling from Ambala to New Delhi.

WARSAW CRASH

Six persons were killed and at least 20 seriously injured today as a fast-moving electric passenger train hit the rear of a slow freight southeast of Warsaw yesterday. It was learned today.

Reports of the accident released today said those killed included a policeman and two women. The accident occurred at Bielchmierz, 18 miles southeast of Warsaw, around 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

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JAPAN IN SECURITY COUNCIL

New York, Jan. 1.

Japan today became a member of the Security Council, just a year and 13 days after her admission to the United Nations. She took office in this most powerful organ of the United Nations along with Canada and Panama, which were also elected for two-year terms as non-permanent members at the last General Assembly.

The three nations replace the Philippines, Australia and Cuba. Council members also serve on the 25-nation Disarmament Commission thus, for the next two years at least, Japan will be able to make her voice heard on the subject of arms reduction and nuclear weapons testing in which she is vitally interested.—Reuter.

Justifiable Homicide

San Jose, Jan. 1.

Santa Clara County authorities ruled yesterday that 14-year-old Lynden Parks committed justifiable homicide when he shot his father to death to save his mother from a beating.

The boy was released from a juvenile detention home and his mother, Lillian, 41, from the county jail where she had been held as a material witness since the shooting last Friday.—United Press.

LOVER DOPED ROSES

Turin, Jan. 1.

A spurned lover poisoned New Year's Eve for 19-year-old Carla Musso yesterday with a bouquet of chloroform-sprayed roses.

The man, whose name was not revealed, sent the red roses to Carla's home. The girl pinned two of the roses on her dress before going to a dancing party.

She got so sleepy that she had to go home after a few minutes, and slept for 10 hours. A doctor called by alarmed relatives traced the cause to the sleeping preparation on the roses.—United Press.

Four Killed In Traffic Accident

Four persons died and three were injured in a traffic accident on Clearwater Bay Road on New Year's Eve at about 5 p.m.

A lorry crashed against the hillside on the right hand side of the steep section of Clearwater Bay Road between the old No. 7 cemetery and Kowloon Dairy. The immediate result of the accident was two dead and five injured. Several hours afterwards, two of the seriously injured died in hospital.

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Explosion Blows Up Hall

Dublin, Dec. 31. The Ulster Special Constabulary Hall in Derrylin County, Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, was extensively damaged by two explosions last night. No one was injured. Police who threw a cordon round the area found tracks leading from the damaged hall in the direction of the border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic two miles away. The outlawed Irish Republican Army which seeks to unite Ireland by force, if necessary, was thought to be responsible for the explosions. —Reuter.

Barrymore Celebrated Too Early

Hollywood, Dec. 31. Actor John Barrymore Jr., 25, son of the late "Great Profile," rang in the New Year a day early as he was arrested in Beverly Hills today on charges of being drunk and disturbing the peace. The young actor and his wife, Carol Williams, were reported by police to have engaged in a midnight quarrel which ended with officers arresting Barrymore after he reportedly became belligerent. Barrymore and his wife had reconciled after one of their frequent estrangements and then began quarrelling again, police said. Several hours later Barrymore appeared before Municipal Judge Henry Draeger, paid a \$100 fine and was sentenced to spend the next three weekends in city jail. —United Press.

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Three American Mothers Set Out To Visit Imprisoned Sons In China

New York, Dec. 31.

Three mothers laden with food, clothing, medicine and high hopes for the New Year are due to leave New York tomorrow for a journey to China to visit sons locked up in Communist prisons.

EGYPT NOT TO PAY SUBSIDY TO JORDAN

Cairo, Dec. 31. Egypt officially announced today that she will not pay her share towards the £12½ million subsidy to Jordan. Three Arab countries had agreed to pay this sum to replace the subsidy Jordan received under the Anglo-Jordanian treaty, terminated earlier this year.

AGREEMENT

Under the agreement Saudi Arabia and Egypt were to pay Jordan £5 million each. Syria was to pay £2½ million. So far only Saudi Arabia has paid her share. Egypt and Syria were reported last June to be showing unwillingness to fulfil their obligations to Jordan under the Arab Solidarity Agreement and the Egyptian draft budget did not include provision for the payment of money to Jordan. —Reuter.

Hollywood, Dec. 31. Ciro, one of Hollywood's most famous night clubs, has closed because of financial difficulties, a bankruptcy administrator said today. —China Mail Special.

The women, facing their trip half-way around the world without any funds for themselves, will fly from New York at noon to catch Trans-Pacific planes in San Francisco that will take them to Hongkong. Then they will travel to Shanghai.

Campaigned

The three determined mothers, who have campaigned ceaselessly for the right to see their sons, are Mrs. Ruth Redmond, of Yonkers, New York; Mrs. John Downey, New Britain, Connecticut; and Mrs. Philip G. Feeleau, Lynn, Massachusetts. Mrs. Downey's son, William, recently discharged from the Army, is going alone.

In prison are Hugh Redmond, an American import-export firm in Shanghai who was sentenced to life in prison six years ago on a espionage charge; John T. Downey, 27, and Philip G. Feeleau, 30, both civilian employees of the US Army.

Both were convicted of spying. Downey was sentenced to life and Feeleau to 20 years. Mrs. Redmond, 58, works in a public school cafeteria and would not have been able to make the trip without help. Yonkers citizens donated more than \$2,000 toward the cost of her journey. They hope eventually to give Mrs. Redmond an additional \$1,000.

Knitted Socks

Mrs. Redmond said she and the other mothers were taking knitted socks to their sons as well as food and vitamin tablets.

"We understand they have had some pretty mean temperatures and they can use clothing more than anything else," she said.

The women are travelling under a relaxation of a State Department ban on travel to China. They received visas from the Communists a few days ago and immediately carried out their plans to travel to China. They are due to arrive in Hongkong on Sunday. —United Press.

IN SLEEPY EYE: New Year Went To Bed Early

Sleepy Eye, Minn., Dec. 31. Happy New Year was not around in Sleepy Eye tonight. He was home in bed.

New Year, 65, a retired carpenter, was christened Emil New Year but had it legally changed to Happy New Year.

New Year traditionally observes New Year's Eve by going to bed a few hours earlier than usual to avoid New Year parties and old jokes about his name. —United Press.

Blow Or Go To Gaol

Superior, Dec. 31. Roy Jacobson and Edwin Saunders, both 19, have the choice of spending five days in gaol or blowing up four tyres spiced by mouth. The youths were arrested by a policeman who overheard them boasting that they had deflated the tyres of a car belonging to a State Highway patrolman. —United Press.

Decisions Suit Communists

Cairo, Dec. 31. Mr. Anup Singh, Indian delegate to the Afro-Asian Conference here, told newsmen tonight that the Conference's decisions tended by implication to follow the line which "sifted the Communists although the Communists neither financed nor dominated the Conference."

IMPERIALISM

He stressed that "although Western Imperialism as a whole, it was natural that the Western countries came under direct criticism as they are the only powers with colonies in Africa and Asia."

In Chicago...

EVERYONE WENT DRY FOR A DAY

Chicago, Dec. 31. There was a drought along Skid Row on New Year's Eve.

Saloons were closed and throats were parched because the City Ordinance prohibits the selling of liquor during an election.

The politicians chose today for a special election in the 7th Congressional District, comprising West Madison Street and a large area of Chicago's West Side.

"Here it is, New Year's Eve, the biggest business day of the year, and we can't serve a drop until the polls close," complained a tavern owner. —United Press.

Only 17 Days Of Freedom

Malacca, Dec. 31. Poon Choon, 48, a terrorist who surrendered here on December 12, had 17 days of freedom.

He died on Sunday at the Malacca General Hospital, where he had been sent immediately after his surrender. He was killed by Berli Bori, bolts and ulcers, brought about by 10 years in the jungle. —Reuter.

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Lennox-Boyd Reviews Past Year's Achievements DEVELOPMENT BY MUTUAL EFFORT

National Income Of Colonies Increases Yearly

London, Jan. 1. Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, reported today that "probably not far short of £1,000 million" had gone from Britain to her colonies since the end of the Second World War.

He also said that in the 15 years between 1945 and 1960 Britain "will have provided grants and government loans well over £200 million for the development of the colonies."

He gave details in a New Year's message broadcast over the British Broadcasting Corporation's general overseas service this morning.

Want To See

"So far as our own resources permit we naturally want to see this flow of capital continue—but you all know that the present time is one of great financial stringency in Great Britain," he said.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd said the consolidated estimates showed that the national income of the colonial territories had doubled between 1948 and 1956 and, allowing for price rises, there had been a real increase of about one third in the output of goods and services.

"The real national income of the colonial territories has been increasing at an average rate of about four per cent per annum," he said.

The population increase as a whole was at the annual rate of about two per cent. This was proof of the success of Britain's policy for colonial development.

Developments

Mr. Lennox-Boyd reviewed important constitutional developments during the year such as:

★ The Nigerian constitutional conference which led to the appointment of a federal prime minister and full internal government for the eastern and western regions of Nigeria.

★ Agreement on a new constitution conferring full internal self-government was also reached with an all-party delegation from Singapore.

★ The introduction of a ministerial system in Mauritius.

★ Attainment of full self-government within the Commonwealth by

Ghana and the Federation of Malaya.

★ Talks with a Sierra Leone delegation on constitutional advances for that territory.

★ Developments through which the West Indies Federation will be formally established on January 3.

On Britain's technical and professional help to her colonies, he said that since the war some 1,500 doctors, 2,000 engineers, 2,500 teachers and 2,000 administrative recruits had gone from Britain to serve colonial governments. Never had they been more needed than now.

Been Impressed

The Secretary revealed his travels during the year and said he had been impressed "both by the vital economic development as a necessary forerunner to every other type of advance and by the way in which the job was being tackled."

Without economic strength plans for social and political advance were empty in the air.

On economic development, he said it was obvious that people were not going to become wealthier "merely by sitting down and waiting to see what government is going to do for them."

Development was a mutual effort by government and the ordinary citizen, who must take an active part to make it fruitful. The increase in national income in the colonies and shown that the results of development had been worth having.—*Reuters*.

Oil Industry

Part of Spain, Dec. 31. The Trinidad oil industry will pay a minimum of 50 per cent of its profits to the Government under oil tax legislation to be introduced from January 1, 1958, Dr. Eric Williams, the Prime Minister, told the Legislative Council last night.—*Reuters*.

ALPINISTS WIN 5-DAY BATTLE

Bolzano, Dec. 31. Two young German alpinists reached the top of an icy peak today and won their five-day battle to spend New Year's Eve on top of Owl Mountain, never before scaled in winter.

Mountaineers and tourists, watching through telescopes from the bottom of the Dolomites, shouted and waved excitedly when George Ekmann, 18, and Herbert Bumgartner, 20, climbed over the edge of the ice-covered top of the 10,500-foot high peak.—*United Press*.

NEHRU ISSUES A FLAT 'NO!' TO SEPARATISTS

Calcutta, Dec. 31. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru declared last night that "not a yard of India is going to go out of India."

Sir Winston Speaks: 1958—A PERIOD OF HOPE AND GAIN

London, Dec. 31. Sir Winston Churchill said today that 1958 "can be a period of hope and gain for the free world."

In his annual New Year's message as Grand Master of the Primrose League, the 83-year-old wartime Prime Minister said it was on the unity and strength of the North Atlantic Treaty alliance, particularly Britain and the U.S. that the future depended.

SYMPATHY

"The North Atlantic Treaty should not limit to Europe the scope of mutual assistance and sympathy among its members," he said. "We cannot have the closest exchanges here and be indifferent to the interests of our friends in their overseas problems."

"The new year can be a period of hope and gain for the free world," he said.—*United Press*.

Stevenson's Prophecy For 1958

Chicago, Dec. 31. Adlai Stevenson said tonight in a New Year's statement that the United States "must learn to live" with its allies as well as its enemies.

Mr. Stevenson, twice Democratic Presidential candidate, issued his statement in response to requests for a prophecy for the year ahead.

"The New Year arrives at a perilous time," Mr. Stevenson said. "When America is confronted with a fearful paradox: that there is a race of arms in which we must again draw abreast, but that this has become a race that no one, neither we or any other nation, can ever win."

"My greatest concern is that the division between the East and West is getting deeper. So we must emphasize our basic peaceful purposes which the weapons only exist to protect."

"And it is well to remind ourselves of the lessons of the satellites—that we are part of the human family and must learn to live not only with our allies but our adversaries." —*United Press*.

Mintoff Expected To Mark Time Pending United Kingdom Reply

Valletta, Dec. 31. Mr Dom Mintoff, Malta's Prime Minister, is unlikely to take any major decision on a break with Britain before Parliament resumes on January 14, in the opinion of parliamentary circles here.

They expect him to mark time pending a British reply to his warning last night of a severance of ties unless Britain will provide alternative employment for workers discharged at the great Maltese naval dockyard.

The general inference from last night's motion, and from the fact that it was passed with acclamation, is that Mr Mintoff

is now fully committed and has a united Parliamentary front behind him.

He failed during last night's sitting to define the "agreements and obligations" which he threatens to abrogate. But it is felt here that he has left the next move up to the British Government, and that if they discharge more dockyard workers without finding them other jobs, Mr Mintoff will implement his warning.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Some observers forecast demonstrations, probably minor ones, in support of Mr Mintoff, in the fortnight that will elapse before Parliament sits again.

The threat to sever ties with Britain arises from fears that British defence cuts will undermine Malta's prosperity which is largely dependent on the dockyard. Malta accuses Britain of not being prepared to honour a 1955 declaration that she will avoid unemployment here.

No decision has yet been taken on the future of the dockyard, according to the Governor's office.—*Reuters*.

BOTTLED

Stapleford, Dec. 31. The vicar of the local church cancelled the traditional New Year's Eve service because "people always come in the best of spirits—bottled!" —*United Press*.

On Wagon

Leicester, Dec. 31. Howard Ward paid a £1 fine today for being drunk on the wagon.

Ward was arrested while driving his milk wagon home from a local pub.—*United Press*.

Teenagers Die

Walsenburg, Col., Jan. 1. Two teenagers were killed today and 15 others injured as the car in which they all packed skidded out of control, rolled over for 110 feet and plunged down a river bed.—*China Mail Special*.

Altitude Record

Washington, Dec. 31. The United States Army announced today that one of its helicopter pilots had ascended to an altitude of 30,335 feet, taking the helicopter's altitude record from France.—*Reuters*.

Djakarta, Jan. 1. Prime Minister Djunaed today sent a message to Ceylon's Government, promising aid for flood victims and extending Indonesia's sympathy.—*United Press*.

He May Watch Death Of Sputnik I

London, Dec. 31. The head of Britain's Jodrell Bank space radar said today that his radio-telescope may not be able to find Sputnik I in time to watch its death.

Professor A. C. B. Lovell said he would decide tomorrow whether to try to locate the satellite and resume tracking it.

The telescope, which located the Sputnik and its rocket when Russian scientists lost track of its course, has been in use on other work for the past four weeks.

Lovell added that the Russian prediction that the satellite would re-enter the earth's atmosphere next month agreed with his forecasts, made some time ago.—*United Press*.

Knighthoods For Two

London, Dec. 31. Two New Zealanders received Knighthoods in the New Year's honours list today.

They were William Edward Hale, for services to the dairy industry, and Ernest Marsden, for services to science.

Both were made Knights Bachelor.—*United Press*.

FLYING BOAT PLUNGES INTO HARBOUR

Buenos Aires, Dec. 31. Six people were feared drowned today when an Argentine flying boat came down in the harbour here with engine trouble.

The plane, a Short Sunderland of Aerolineas Argentinas, had taken off for Asuncion, Paraguay, but turned back after a few minutes.

Tugs and launches rushed to the scene when the plane appeared to run into trouble on landing on the water in Buenos Aires new port.

PICKED UP

Many of the 44 passengers and crew were picked up, but five passengers and a steward were reported drowned.

The flying boat sank after hitting the water.

Seven of the passengers earlier declared missing were later found to be safe, thus reducing the list of missing passengers to five.

Two bodies were recovered.—*Reuters*.

More Women Than Men

London, Dec. 31. There are more women than men in England—and they live longer, a Government report revealed here today.

Of the country's 45 million population, 23,250,000 are women, and in ages over 65 they outnumber the men by two to one. The total population of England increased by 240,000 in the last year, the report added.—*United Press*.

Nearly 800,000 French workers won a 4.33 per cent salary increase today when the Government raised the minimum legal wage. The decision spelled trouble for French efforts to hold the price-and-wage line in 1958.—*United Press*.

Paris, Dec. 31.

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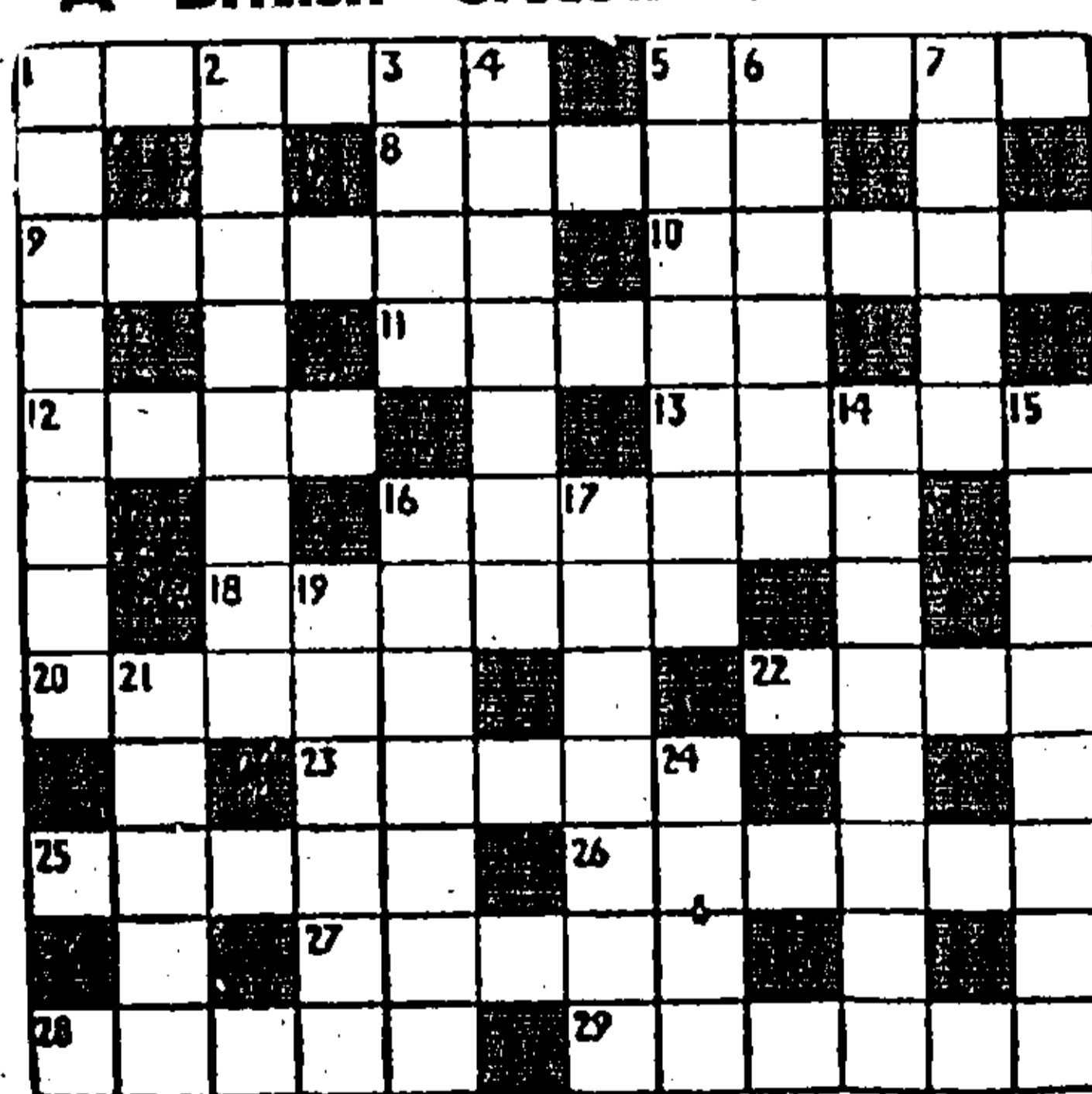
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- Make off (6).
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 - She confuses Ernie (6).
 - Famous school (6).
 - Prepare Jack on the track? (6).
 - Grand entertainment, perhaps (6).
 - They don't agree (4).
 - Remove gum from setting (6).
 - Popular game over the water (6).
 - Expunge (6).
 - Cow-catcher (6).
 - Halt-out, we gather (4).
 - "Gulber" of a kind (6).
 - May be skinned off (6).
 - Harpehiro river (6).
 - It makes a pudding (6).
 - Not so many (6).
 - Come out (6).
- DOWN**
- It's proverbially dead (6).
 - Maintain vigorously (6).
 - "Venus de—" (4).
 - Do the spade-work (7).
 - Gate-crash (7).
 - Angers, in a way, a native seaman (6).
 - Bring together (6).
 - Police examiner (6).
 - Coloured piece (6).
 - Horticultural error? (7).
 - Set out in detail (7).
 - Disappearing act? (6).
 - Correspond (6).
 - Blossom support (4).

TUESDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3 Bill, 7 Label, 8 Eric, 9 Sake, 10 Captain, 12 Sped, 15 Hides, 18 Sore, 19 Thyme, 21 Aware, 22 Gail, 23 Drain, 24 Evil, 25 Elderly, 30 Oval, 31 Aria, 32 Stock, 33 Dump. Down: 1 Salad, 2 Heather, 4 Inane, 5 Lees, 6 Lake, 9 Side, 11 Alrod, 13 Peel, 14 Dead, 16 Staid, 17 Pace, 18 East, 20 Honesty, 22 Gail, 24 Root-on, 26 Slack, 27 Vary, 28 Lead.



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Why are we hushing-up ZETA ?

I SAY TELL
THE WORLD NOW!

WHY the cover-up, Mr Macmillan? I have been in London less than a week and perhaps haven't the right to ask the question, but something very strange is going on. When I left New York a friend in the State Department told me:

"Britain has made scientific strides which make the Russian Sputniks look like nothing. Your chaps are bringing about a new industrial revolution—controlling hydrogen explosions for commercial use, harnessing the sea as a source of fuel, heat, and power."

Playing it down

I SAID: "Why hasn't it been announced apart from vague hints and casual remarks by Macmillan and company?" My State Department friend said: "Because our boys have asked you to play the whole business down. Don't want to make us look fools in the eyes of the world after the Cocon Beach fiasco. And incredibly Macmillan has agreed."

"The result is that British discoveries which have implications far beyond the Sputnik, the intercontinental guided missile, the earth satellite with a dog aboard are being hushed up to avoid American embarrassment."

Just before I sailed, the Christian Science Monitor, an excellent newspaper, said on its front page that the belief was growing in Britain that our taming of the H-bomb for industrial use was being played down if not obscured altogether at American request.

The Monitor said it had investigated the charges but could not substantiate them. Washington's attitude was: "If the British have really pulled out something spectacular then good luck to them and we will help to blow the trumpet for them."

This has not happened. Here on our doorstep is the biggest scientific achievement for decades and we refuse to proclaim it. From the propaganda view alone the advances made by our scientists are priceless.

At a time when Russia has scored one propaganda victory after another and boasts that she is at least five years ahead of America and Britain in science we remain almost silent (I don't regard the Prime Minister's references in his TV speech as a forthright detailed statement).

Could anything be more foolish?

Cancelled

ONE astonishing feature is that the Government arranged for a Press party to go to Harwell, see what we were achieving, talk to the scientists and tell the country and the world of the British success.

Suddenly the Press tour was cancelled (at American request) and there are many people in Fleet Street and the provinces today who are not aware that the big story had in effect been cancelled.

I cannot stress too strongly the magnitude of the British achievement. And by American

DON IDDON'S DIARY

standards we have spent only a small sum of money.

The machinery our men are using is known as ZETA—or Zero Energy Thermonuclear Apparatus. Just as the initials ICBM burn in the brains of men so ZETA should hit the hearts and inspire the hopes of men.

Cheap way

SOME scientists claim that what Britain has done at Harwell is equivalent to the experiments of the Italian scientist Enrico Fermi in Chicago in 1942. And it was Fermi's work which led to the production of the first atom bomb.

Since I have been back I have talked to several British Government officials. The word from them is: "You can expect an announcement of British achievements soon."

Why soon? Why not now? Dr Donald Fry, an Australian, Dr Peter Thonemann, a Dr William Thompson, a

power equivalent to a million tons of coal.

These are bargain prices in an inflation era.

No one is pretending that it will not take years of work and further experiment before the process of harnessing the H-bomb for industrial use has been perfected.

But here is the news which has been concealed, glossed over, and in some instances, suppressed—Britain has successfully concluded the first step, and the first step is the most important.

American scientists at Princeton University concede this. It is the American politicians, not the scientists, who have put the gag in our mouths.

Of course there have been the usual denials. The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington says: "It's not true we have refused to approve a joint announcement with Britain and Canada that British scientists have broken through the field of hydrogen energy."

UP COUNTRY by THURLOW CRAIG

Rex is so choosy over his TV

FISHLESS but content I was walking home along the river bank one recent autumn evening. The sun was warm, there was a gentle southerly breeze. The occasional lowing of cattle as milking-hour approached, the plaintive mew of a pair of buzzards circling high over the river, added rustic music to that sylvan scene.

Suddenly the peace was shattered by a noise which might almost have been made by the narrow-gauge railway higher up the valley—only I knew it couldn't be because, alas, the toy train runs no more. It has fallen victim to the march of progress that has reached even our secluded part of the world.

I looked back, for the noise was getting louder.

Round a bend of the thickly-wooded river bank appeared an enormous mastiff, blowing, growling, and puffing as he hurried up, dragging a breathless girl along behind him.

Breaking into a lumbering canter I asked if she needed help, but she gasped that she could make it—she hoped—to the village. Rex did not want to miss the television, that was all.

Flying leap

HE TOOK the title in a flying leap, dragging his mistress over anyhow, and then they were gone. Slowly the noise died away and peace returned to the valley.

Walking through the sleepy hamlet I dropped in at the local for a tankard of ale and to see if perhaps other fishers had had better luck. I asked whether Rex had arrived in time for his programme.



He's easy-going but...

Yes, was the reply, and I could watch, too, provided I didn't try to share the sofa with him. He's a long-suffering hound, and permits all sorts of liberties, but only his mistress can sit beside him when he is watching Children's Hour.

And there he was, seriously intent, bolt upright in the best seat. As I entered he looked round with an impatient growl as though warning me not to make any noise. I didn't. Neither did anyone else.

When the programme came to an end he got down and went out into the yard to play with his indiarubber bone. A minute later he was back again. He'd lost it. And without the slightest regard for other people's enjoyment of the new programme, vociferously demanded that it should be found for him immediately. It was.

Later he came into the tap-room with the incongruous toy and we took his photograph standing behind the bar with his paws on it.

Deadpan

AT NEARLY a year old he is practically full-grown and weighs one ton. At least, that is what it feels like when he hurls himself at any of us—as he loves to do—planting both huge paws on our shoulders and snatching at our faces.

Everything he does is performed with that air of deadpan unhappiness common to mastiffs, bloodhounds, and Basset Hounds.

But when the landlord shouts TIME shortly before 10, Rex grows up and discards his rubber bone. It is time for him to take over as night watchman. Obviously he gives us no understanding that we are no longer welcome and had better go home, even though it may want five minutes to the hour.

At night he has the run of that old inn because, although no local would dream of burgling it—except perhaps in our dreams—occasional sinister strangers pass through. We all wonder what he would do in an emergency.

I have considered risking a burglarious entry by night myself. Probably he would charge me, knock me down, and proceed to lick my face.

Then, if the noise hadn't aroused the entire household, he might even try to act like the St Bernard dog whose picture he was studying the other day, and bring me round with a drop of brandy.

On the other hand, he might not. I don't think I'll risk it.

A duty

WHILE the Russians and the Americans fight this duel to perfect weapons at war the British are perfecting the new engines of peace.

Is there no one in the Cabinet who thought it might have been good international business, to have proclaimed these facts on the eve of the NATO Conference? I have to tell you that our propaganda machine here at home, never smooth-running, is now hardly working at all.

I am sorry to have to write such words on this my first Christmas in Britain for 21 years, but it is a duty.

I am distressed by the fumbling and mumbling in Whitehall. No one is telling the British story. No one is even whispering it.

Instead there is the cover-up, the bowing to American suggestions, the subservience to the past to John Foster Dulles and the ailing President Eisenhower.

Take off the wraps, Mr Macmillan!

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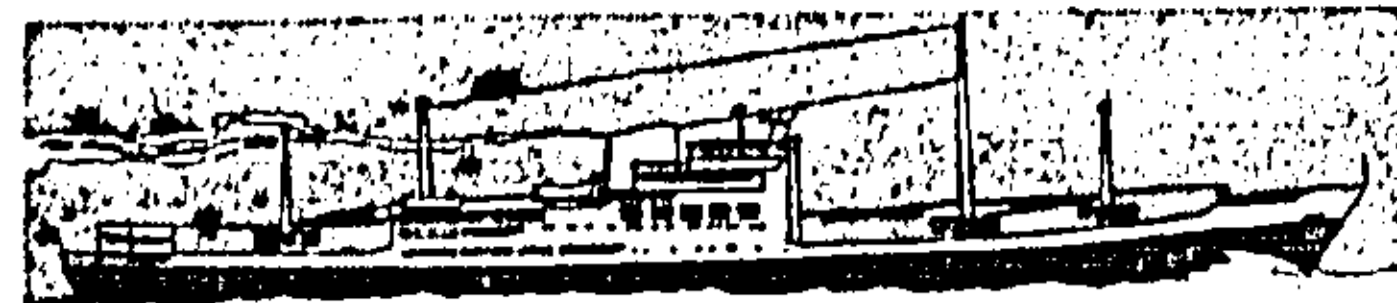
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His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. E. B. David, Patron of the KCC, presented the prizes to the winners and was, in turn, presented with a souvenir by Miss Diana Churn.

The Band of the 1st Battalion, the 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. R. E. G. Twelvetrees, was in attendance, rendering musical selections throughout the afternoon under the direction of C/Sgt. Kisham Sing Thapa.

President's Speech

Prior to calling upon Mr. David to present the prizes, the President of the Club, Mr. E. Lee, said:

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen—Today, being the first day of the new year, individually you will possibly remember it for some reason or other.

Collectively, however, the KCC will remember it because today we have with us—for the first time—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. E. B. David, and I, therefore, on behalf of the General Committee, Members and friends of this Club, extend to Your Excellency our very warmest welcome.

I, furthermore, sincerely thank you for the valuable time which you have generously given to the occasion and I do hope that you have enjoyed your visit equally as much as we have enjoyed the honour of your presence.

Yet another reason why the KCC will remember today is because it is the beginning of the year in which this Club reaches its fiftieth birthday, for the foundation stone of our first club-house was laid on January 18, 1908.

It can, therefore, safely be stated that the KCC is now fifty years old and it is part of our proud record that during our fifty years, we have held these annual children's sports no fewer than forty-four times—only failing to do so during the

Pacific War years, when we were otherwise occupied.

It goes without saying that these sports have brought much pleasure and enjoyment to thousands of children—which, of course, has been our aim—but it also goes without saying that this achievement could not have been possible without the many generous donations and other forms of assistance freely given by Members and friends.

I cannot, at this time specifically mention each individual but I do thank you, one and all, most sincerely.

However, among the many, there are a few to whom a special word of thanks is due. In this category, we must remember our previous Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham whose kindness in granting proceedings for the past ten years is a further proud record which we shall always cherish.

They were true friends of the Club and particularly the children. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am sure you all feel as I do, in that we cannot hope to ever have truer friends than these.

I would be failing in my duty if I did not specifically mention and thank two other esteemed friends—these being Mr. Storr and Mr. Threlfall. To these gentlemen, we are indebted for the setting out of the sports arena and the installation of the sound equipment and I know you will join me in thanking them for their wonderful co-operation.

Finally, I must thank Lt.-Col. Twelvetrees and officers of the 1st Bat. 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles for providing the Band and last but not least I sincerely thank Mr. Coppell and all his helpers for so ably organising the sports and bringing them to a most successful conclusion.

All The Results

BOYS (11 to under 14)

Flat Race: 1. Donald McLennan, 2. Peter Logan, 3. Frank Drake.

4 to under 7: 1. Antony Tang, 2. Kazem Nemazee, 3. Clifford Yim.

7 to under 11: 1. Nigel Hine, 2. Antony Tebbutt, 3. Conrad Bergius.

Sack Race (11 to under 14): 1. Sergio de Sousa, 2. Andrew Pereira, 3. Peter Logan.

Boat Race (8 to under 11): 1. John Kilbee, 2. Peter van Zuijlen, 3. Wong Ka-lung.

Flat Race (under 4): 1. Philip Riley, 2. Richard Downing, 3. Charles Rignall.

Flat Race (3 to under 6): 1. Marcus D'Assumaco, 2. Simon Hill, 3. Andrew Ostrumoff.

Potato Race (5 to under 8): 1. Conrad Bergius, 2. Persis Dhabher, 3. Wayne Eather.

Flat Race (6 to under 9): 1. Bobby She, 2. Anthony Tang, 3. Vivienne Baker.

Tug-of-War (8 to under 14): Dennis Pereira, Alan Sloan, Leslie Broadbridge, George Yim, John Kilbee, Tony Williams, Antonio D'Assumaco, Gordon Evans.

Three Legged Race (8 to under 12): 1. Rodney Evans and Mervyn Jebons, 2. Nigel Hine and Peter Hine.

Relay Race (8 to under 14): 1. Donald McLennan, Antonio D'Assumaco, Nigel Hine and Persis Dhabher.

GIRLS

Flat Race (Handicap) 11 to 14: 1. Lynn White, 2. Victoria Tang, 3. Vivienne Baker.

Relay Race (Handicap) 6 to under 8: 1. Diana Churn, 2. Pamela Baker, 3. Antoinette Rignall.

Flat Race (Handicap) 8 to under 11: 1. Cynthia Pearce, 2. Marilyn Heron, 3. Esther Lo.

Potato Race (Handicap) 5 to under 13: 1. Lillian Preece, 2. Sandra Salter, 3. Ann Buchanan.

Flat Race (Handicap) under 4: 1. S. Y. Wong, 2. Sandra Choy, 3. Helen Sutton.

Flat Race (Handicap) 3 to under 6: 1. Kim Panton, 2. Sandra Hunt, 3. Jessica Everett.

Skipper Race (Handicap) 9 to under 14: 1. Caroline Joffe, 2. Penny White, 3. Cassandra Bergius.

Flat Race (Handicap) 6 to under 8: 1. Diana Churn, 2. Pamela Baker, 3. Mary Stewart.

Musical Chairs, 4 to under 12: 1. Elaine Cohen, 2. Margaret Stillard, 3. Sandra Dinnen.

Egg and Spoon Race, 8 to under 14: 1. Wong Man-wong, 2. Esther Lo, 3. Molly Tso.

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"KRISTIN BAKKE"	Sailed	Sailed	Sailed	Sailed	Sailed	12 Jan.	13 Jan.	17 Jan.	20 Jan.
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	Sails	Sails	Sails	HONGKONG	JAPAN	Arrives	Arrives	Arrives
	Fremantle	S'pore	Manila	Arr.	Sail	Vancouver	Seattle	Columbia
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McDonald And Burke In First Wicket Stand Of 190

Capetown, Dec. 31.
A cautious Australian stand, which developed into a first wicket stand of 190 between Colin McDonald and Jim Burke, dominated the opening day's play of the second Test against South Africa here today.

At the close Australia had scored 234 for three wickets and Burke was undefeated for 114. McDonald was out when one short of a century.

Burke reached his century between ten and the close, in the middle of a minor Australian collapse in which three batsmen—McDonald, Neil Harvey and Ian Craig—fell while 30 runs were added. These wickets for South Africa were due compensation for their never flagging efforts in the field and accurate bowling on a pitch which gave no assistance.

McDonald and Burke played all the bowlers with confidence, and though they put on only 42 in two hours before lunch they speeded up after the interval with a scoring rate of more than a run a minute.

Apert from several chancy shots by McDonald, they looked as if they would see the day out, but when McDonald was 99 he cut a ball from Eddie Fuller and was caught behind by John Walter, who held the ball after juggling with it.

McDonald hit 12 fours and batted four hours, 23 minutes. The stand was easily the best by the pair, beating their 137 in the second Test against England at Lord's last year.

One Chance At 14

Burke, with cautious, methodical batting, completed his century in just under five hours, helped by nine fours. His only

chance was at 14 when he might have been stumped off a ball from Hugh Tayfield which "popped" and hit Walter on the chest.

Neil Harvey, who missed the drawn first Test because of injury, looked comfortable, but when 15 cut a rising ball from Neil Adcock and was well caught in the gully by Trevor Goddard.

Craig, the Australian captain, had faced only two balls when beaten by Goddard before retiring, just under an hour from the close.

Only the loosest of balls tempted Burke and Ken Mackay to add to the score, "Slasher" Mackay making three in a partnership of 14.

The Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA
First Innings
C. McDonald, c Walter b Fuller 99
J. Burke, not out 114
N. Harvey, c Goddard b Adcock 15
I. Craig, b Goddard 0
K. Mackay, not out 3
Extras 24
Total (for 3 wickets) 234
Fall of wickets—1 for 190, 2 for 215, 3 for 220.

Bowling To Date

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Adcock	16	4	44	1
Goddard	23	9	43	1
Fuller	18	3	57	1
Tayfield	24	9	46	0
Westcott	4	0	22	0
Van Ryneveld	4	0	19	0

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SAILINGS									
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EASTERN MURE	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta		11th	Jan.					
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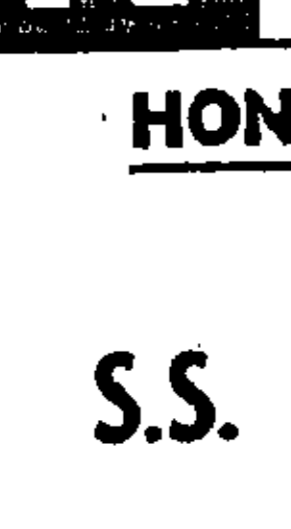
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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M.S. "DONAN MARU"
Arrived 30th December, 1957

are hereby notified that their cargo has been discharged into the China Warehouse, Ltd., at 10 a.m. on the 31st December, 1957, and is subject to the Company's terms and conditions of storage and where delivery may be obtained.

Damage packages are to be left in the godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on the 31st January, 1958.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and failure to attend the joint damaged cargo survey will invalidate claims.

Claims must be presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival or they will not be recognized.

All goods remaining undelivered after the 31st January, 1958, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

EASTERN LLOYD LIMITED
Agents
TOHO STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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COMPANY LIMITED
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1958.

Race For The South Pole Is Much Closer HILLARY RUNS INTO TROUBLE

Yingtan-Amoy Railway Opened

London, Jan. 1.
The first railway running through the southeast province of Fukien, directly facing Formosa across the 90-mile wide Formosa Strait, was officially opened to traffic today, New China News Agency reported.

This was the 700-kilometer Yingtan-Amoy railway, which links the port of Amoy—located only a few miles from the Nationalist-held Quemoy Island group—with Yingtan, a station on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, part of the national railway network.

The new line links up with 62 highways and inland waterways navigable to steamers making a total length of 3,567 kilometres, the agency said.

Besides expecting to provide cheap and easy transport to other provinces for Fukien products, the railway "is important too for strengthening the country's defences and the liberation of Taiwan and so also for the promotion of peace in the Far East and the world," the agency added.—Reuters.

NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Justice, 2 Marlowe, 3 Alchemy, 4 Play, 5 Germany, 6 Legends, 7 Fate, 8 Magician, 9 Sluicy, 10 Mysterious, 11 Goethe, 12 Johann Faust.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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N. Zealand Team Fight Through Deep Snowdrifts

Wellington, Jan. 1.
Sir Edmund Hillary ran into almost impassable deep snows today just 100 miles short of victory in his race to the South Pole.

Reports reaching here from Scott Base, the depot from which the Everest conqueror and his team set out last month on their dash to the Pole, said deep snow was halting their half track vehicles—and petrol was running low.

"At one time it looked like the end of the road for us," Hillary reported in a message filed yesterday after nearly a week of smooth, fast running.

The sudden rough going gave new hope to a British party headed by Dr. Vivian Fuchs, which set out from the opposite side of the Antarctic continent.

Fuchs and his men were still more than 200 miles short of the Pole, making slow progress across an icefield criss-crossed with treacherous crevasses. It is a country never touched before by human feet.

Hillary was expected to get to the Pole at least a week before Fuchs. But yesterday's setbacks caused officials here to revise their timetable.

The race, they said, was now much closer.

The reports reaching here today from Scott Base said the New Zealanders were having to ditch food and gasoline every

few miles to lighten the loads of the tractors.

Two of the four cargo sleds had to be ditched and all spare petrol, kerosene and food was left behind in depots, Hillary radioed.

The reports reaching here said the New Zealanders battled the snow for 13 hours on December 30 but could move only a few miles.

Because of the rarefied atmosphere the men worked only two-hour shifts, two sitting atop the tractors to steeper in a temperature of 25 degrees below zero (F) while the others huddled in a cubby comfort in the swaying canvas.

Every few minutes those supposed to be "resting" had to jump out and shovel snow away from under the tractor.

Their average speed was 1.5 miles an hour, the reports said. Meanwhile there was still no news of the British party.

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Students And Nun Fire 'Mousenik' Rocket

Austin, Jan. 1.
Eleven high school boys and a Roman Catholic nun finally managed to fire their "Mousenik" rocket yesterday, but with an artificial mouse.

The boys, members of the Austin Rocket Society, also failed to send the "Mousenik" a mile and a half into space. It reached a height of only 800 feet.

Nevertheless, it was a great moral victory for the young spacemasters.

While up to 100 persons watched last Sunday, the boys failed in attempts to fire rockets containing a tiny radio transmitter and a live white mouse named "Ulysses."

BLEW UP
The radio rocket blew up and the "Mousenik" didn't even get off the launching pad.

Yesterday the boys not only got their rocket into the air but also got their mouse back "alive."

A parachute mechanism which failed to save the life of a real mouse in a previous experiment worked this time. The "Mousenik" compartment drifted to a point about 2,100 feet from the launching site and landed in a tree.

Sister Duns Scotus, the club sponsor, reported she and the boys were "very happy."—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Test: Australia Is Dismissed For Total Of 449

Capetown, Jan. 1.
A patient knock of 189 by Jim Burke helped place Australia in a good position on the second day of the second cricket test against South Africa here today.

Australia were all out in their first innings soon after tea for 449, South Africa replying with 48 for no wicket by the close.

South Africa's hopes of dismissing Australia for a reasonable total were shattered by a fourth wicket stand of 130 in three hours 48 minutes by Burke and Ken Mackay.

Those two, who came together at 220 yesterday, took the total to 350 before Mackay was legbefore to Tayfield after lunch for 63. Once they had been separated and Burke went at 300, wickets tumbled fairly quickly as the Australian tried to hit out against off-spinner Hugh Tayfield.

The Australian opener, who appeared to give a stumping chance at 14 yesterday, might have been caught off Adeock by Funston in the slips when 127.

The Australians, who resumed at 234 for three this morning, added 215 in 4 hours 40 minutes today, the innings ending after 10 hours 40 minutes.

South Africa had just over an hour's batting before the close. Jackie McGlew and Trevor Goddard again revealed a weakness shown by South African batsmen this season by floundering at fast balls outside the off-stump. But the pair stayed together in scoring 40.

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SUDANESE MISSION BACK FROM PEKING

A seven-member Sudanese trade mission returned from China by rail yesterday after holding general discussions there on promotion of commerce between the two countries.

Mr Ibrahim Osman Isahac, director of the Sudan Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Supplies, who headed the mission, described the mission as "successful."

Mr Isahac said Sudan's intention was to try and increase her cotton exports to China. Sudan was increasing her cotton crops, and was therefore anxious to expand her world exports.

Mr Isahac stressed that there was no question of any definite contract having been signed or discussed during the visit.

In return for the cotton, the mission leader said, his country expected to buy manufactured and textile goods.

Mr Isahac said he had an opportunity to see a textile mill in Peking and it compared very favourably with those he had seen in other countries.

The party expect to return to Sudan by air shortly.

BRITON DOES BUSINESS

Mr Marcus Newmark, Managing Director of M. Newmark and Co., Ltd., London Importers and exporters, arrived by train from China yesterday after a two-month business visit.

Mr Newmark said he signed a contract for the purchase of furs, skins and essential oils. In return, his company are to sell chemicals and rubber accessories to the Chinese.

At present, he said, he was negotiating for sale to China of machinery and other items.

Mr Newmark added, however, that the purpose of his visit had been primarily to consolidate his firm's business with China.

He expressed satisfaction at the general outcome of the visit. "I think future prospects are very good," he said.

Mr Newmark will be leaving shortly for Japan on business.

To Visit The Colony

London, Jan. 1.
Mr John Wilson, 38, the totally blind director of the Commonwealth Society for the Blind, leaves London Airport on Monday for a five-month Commonwealth tour.

It will include Singapore, Malaya, Hongkong, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Mr Wilson, who will be accompanied by his wife, is to study blind welfare services and to stimulate the Commonwealth campaign against blindness in the dependent territories.—Reuters.

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

London, Jan. 1.
Results in today's Rugby League matches were:
Blackpool Borough 15, Liverpool City 8.
Leigh 18, St. Helens 5.
Swinton 6, Salford 7.
Whitehaven 16, Barrow 4.
Wigan 22, Warrington 13.
Workington 20, Leeds 0.—Reuters.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
By Air
U.S.A., 5 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
Ceylon, 6 p.m.
Philippines (Italy, France, Netherlands & Germany, parcels direct), 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kungming, Ichang, etc., 11 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Malaya, Italy, France, Netherlands & Germany, parcels direct, noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 3 p.m.
Korea, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

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